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NOTE FOR: The Director

The Deputy Director

FROM:

Dave Gries

SUBJECT: Breakfast for Congressional Staff Directors

1. You and Bob have hosted 41 Congressional breakfasts or lunches since January 1986. Although I recognize that these activities have imposed on your time, they have an immense impact on our relations with the Congress.

- I would like to impose again in early December with two breakfasts and in January with two more.
  - -- the first breakfast in December will be for Senate majority and minority staff directors from the Foreign Relations, Armed Services, Appropriations Defense Subcommittee and Intelligence Committees;
  - --the second in December will be for the same cast from the House;
  - -- the first January breakfast and briefing will be for all newly elected Members of the Senate; and
  - -- the second in January will be for newly elected Members of the House.
- 3. The two staff directors' breakfasts are important. Staff directors do much of the work of the Congress. It is to staff directors that we turned with most of our end-of-the-session problems. Their friendship and support for intelligence is crucial. Although you normally do not deal with them, they very much want to meet you and would be honored by a breakfast invitation.
- The value of the breakfast for new Members is obvious. The objective is to demystify intelligence, introduce them to you and provide them with a finished intelligence briefing on up to two key topics, such as terrorism and the Soviet strategic posture. The breakfasts for new Members will probably have to be held in the EDR with briefers in attendance.

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